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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph [0022] as follows:

FIG. 3A is a depiction from a photograph of a prior art distal tip of approximately 8 mm in length. **FIG. 3B** is a depiction from a photograph of ~~as compared to~~ a distal tip according to the present invention, tapered over a 5 mm length shown for comparison to the prior art tip of **FIG. 3A**.

Please amend Paragraph [0027] as follows:

FIG. 7 is a flow chart diagram illustrating the general steps of forming the low profile short tapered tip of the present invention.

Please amend Paragraph [0035] as follows:

The significance of the reduced dimensions of the inventive tip are best appreciated by viewing the depictions shown in **FIGS. 3A and [[4B]] 3B**, taken from photos, comparing a prior art distal tip with a distal tip of the present invention. In **FIG. 3A** a prior art catheter distal tip **50** is aligned next to a low profile short tapered tip **10** of the present invention. The tip **10** of the present invention, shown in **FIG. 3B**, has a tip length **36** (dimension A) of approximately 5 mm. The tip length **36'** (dimension A' of the prior art tip **50**) measures approximately 8 mm. The diameter **40** (dimension B) of the inventive tip **10** is approximately 0.059 inch (circumference of 4.5 French), while the diameter **40'** (dimension B' of the prior art tip **50**) is 0.064 inch (circumference of 5 French).

Please amend Paragraph [0036] as follows:

In **FIG. 4B** a papillatome catheter **12** having the low profile short tapered tip **10** of the present invention is shown in comparison to a prior art papillatome **52** (**FIG. [[4B]] 4A**), both shown lying adjacent a measurement grid **54** showing marked length increments of 1 mm. The tip

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length **36** (dimension A) of the inventive papillatome tip is approximately 5 mm, while the tip length **36"** (dimension A") of the prior art papillatome **52** is approximately 7 mm. The diameter **40** (dimension B) of the present papillatome tip **10** is approximately 0.059 inch (approximately 4.5 French in circumference), while the diameter **40"** (dimension B" of the prior art papillatome **52**) is approximately 0.064 inch (approximately 5 French in circumference). These figures illustrate the dimensional advantage of the distal tip of the present invention over the prior art catheter distal tips. A 0.035 inch guidewire **41** is represented passing through the guidewire lumen **16** of each tip shown in **FIGS. 4A and 4B**.